

HAWAII KAI NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 1

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2006 HAHAIONE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Lester Muraoka called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. with a quorum present. He welcomed everyone to the April meeting of the Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board No. 1.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lester Muraoka, Tony Paresa, Bob Clark, Marian Grey, Richard Halverson, Jeanette Hanson, Mary Houghton, Donald Huff, Greg Knudsen, Wayne Levy, David Livingston, Elizabeth Reilly (elected at this meeting) and Jim Sharp.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dolores Elms-Beattie (excused) and John Steinmiller.

GUESTS: Mark Anderson, Deputy Director, Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (Governor Linda Lingle's representative); Senator Sam Slom, William Shapiro (Senator Fred Hemmings' Office staff); Representative William "Bud" Stonebraker, Representative Lyla Berg, Sid Quintal, Director, Enterprise Services Department (Mayor Mufi Hannemann's representative); Councilmember Charles Djou, Francisco Figueiredo and Nolan Kido (Councilmember Charles Djou's Office staff); Major Mark Nakagawa, Captain R. Green, Lt. A. Delima, Det. S. Forman, Sqt. L. Dabaluz, and Officer J. Hendricks (Honolulu Police Department); Lorna Heller (Board of Water Supply), Murray Luther (Hawaii Kai Booster), Maureen Muraoka, Richard Hawkins (Colony Marince), Max Sabon, Herb Schreiner, Tom Yamabe (Farmer), Christopher Mann, Elaine Dobashi and Carol Suvelerhou (Hui Ilio Hawaii), Linda and Marvin Tangren (Kalele Kai); Christa Gertish, Dr. Mele Welte, Stan and Janet Zisk, Sarah Keahi, Shaun Yuen and Edby Yuen (Coldwell Banker); Patricia Shields, Andy Constantaras, D. Turhon, Dana Takahara-Dias, Deputy Director, Toni Robinson, Alan Hong and Donna White (Department of Parks and Recreation): Norman Aramaki, Michael Bass, Gary Weller (Farmer), Mike Klein (HICDA), Denise Maiden, Gayle G. Carr, Steven Geshell and Tai Hong (Livable Hawaii Kai Hui); Holina Ngo, Suzanne Roig (Honolulu Advertiser), Arrik Black (Six pack Bushwackers Club), Bert Lum (Koko Head Archery), Dan Clement (Hawaii Kai Plaza), Natalie Iwasa, Van Ohumukini (KHAC), Brad Coles, John Rhine, Tim Houghton (Environmental Services Department), Tracy Simons (QG2 resident), Annette Pang, Rusty and Linda Birds, Ivonne Cardenas and Bob Farrell (Makakilo.com); and K. Russell Ho (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

FILLING OF ONE (1) AT LARGE VACANCY: Chair Muraoka asked for nominations to fill the At Large vacancy. Board member David Livingston nominated Elizabeth Reilly. (No second is required for nomination.) Board member Jeanette Hanson nominated Herb Schreiner. Chair Muraoka asked them to introduce themselves and give reasons why they would like to volunteer to serve on the Board.

Schreiner is a resident of Hawaii Kai since 1969. He married his wife after going to Kaiser High School and Chaminade University. He has been on the board of his townhouse association since 1990 and is on the board of Hawaii Youth Soccer Association, where he runs the Olympic development program, a national program that locates and trains athletes across the United States. He coaches boys' soccer at Kaiser High School. As a sergeant with the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), he is assigned to the Community Resource Team, which does community projects and produces the crime stats.

Reilly has attended the Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board meetings for the last two years as a member of the Livable Hawaii Kai Hui. She worked on the East Honolulu Sustainable Communities Plan (EHSCP) with the Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP). She is concerned about the "urban growth boundary" and wants to be on the Board's Communications committee and the Planning and Zoning committee. She graduated from the University of Hawaii in Marketing. She is not anti-development, but for good planning. She married Roger Reilly, a graduate of Kaiser High School and she has been a Hawaii Kai resident for the last 10 years.

Chair Muraoka thanked both candidates for their willingness to serve the community.

The vote was three votes for Schreiner (Hanson, Huff and Paresa) and eight votes for Reilly (Clark, Grey, Halverson, Houghton, Knudsen, Levy, Livingston and Muraoka). As eight (quorum) votes were needed to win, Chair Muraoka declared that Reilly was elected to fill the At Large vacancy and thanked Schreiner for his

participation. Neighborhood Assistant Ho administered the Oath of Office for Reilly and she took her place on the Board.

APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 28, 2006 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: There were no corrections.

The minutes of the March 28, 2006 were accepted as circulated.

TREASURER'S REPORT- Treasurer Jeanette Hanson reported that as of March 31, 2006, the Operating account balance was 915.87, the Publicity account balance was 951.35 and the Refreshment account remained at \$120.00. The Treasurer's report was accepted as read.

SECRETARY'S REPORT- No report.

Chair Muraoka mentioned that as we had a full agenda tonight, he requested that the status reports be given as quickly as possible.

STATUS REPORTS:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD)- No representative was present.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD)- Major Mark Nakagawa introduced himself. He is the new East Honolulu District Commander as of March 19, 2006 and would drop in occasionally. Chair Muraoka welcomed him to the Hawaii Kai community. Lt. A. Delima handed out a written report for District 7, March 2006, which included a map of the beats: For Beat 774, there was 1 burglary (-2 from February 2006), 7 thefts (+7 from February 2006) and 6 unauthorized entries into a motor vehicle (UEMV) (+5 from February 2006). For Beat 776, there were 3 burglaries (+3 from February 2006), 9 thefts (+7 from February 2006) and 13 unauthorized entries into a motor vehicle (UEMV) (+8 from February 2006). For Beat 778, there were 0 burglaries (same as February 2006), 2 thefts (same as from February 2006) and 5 unauthorized entries into a motor vehicle (UEMV) (+3 from February 2006). For Beat 780, there were 0 burglaries (same as February 2006), 2 thefts (+1 from February 2006) and 7 unauthorized entries into a motor vehicle (UEMV) (-1 from February 2006). For Beat 782, there was 1 burglary (-1 from February 2006), 0 thefts (-2 from February 2006) and 3 unauthorized entries into a motor vehicle (UEMV) (-1 from February 2006). For Beat 784, there was 0 burglaries (-1 from February 2006), 2 thefts (+2 from February 2006) and 7 unauthorized entries into a motor vehicle (UEMV) (-6 February 2006). Also, there were bar charts, which gave a six-month comparison and two messages- "Taking Care of Garbage" from Mayor Mufi Hannemann and "Put Opala in its Place" from the City Refuse Division.

Questions, answers and comments followed.

- 1. Board member Wayne Levy asked what was being done about graffiti at Koko Head Elementary School and personal residences on Poipu Drive. Lt. Delima responded that if they were reported, HPD would have documented it and taken steps to getting the graffiti to be painted over. Board member Levy asked if the vandals were ever apprehended. Lt. Delima reported that sometimes they are caught. Board member Levy mentioned that the graffiti at Koko Head Elementary School was extensive and visible from Lunalilo Home Road. Lt, Delima would follow up. Chair Muraoka thanked Lt. Delima for following it up.
- 2. Vice Chair Paresa mentioned that for Beats 776 and 778, there was an increase in burglaries, thefts and UEMV. Lt. Delima reported that they caught a suspect and the number of crimes should decrease.
- 3. A resident wanted to notify HPD about two recent accidents on Hawaii Kai Drive that happened at 2:30 a.m.
- 4. Captain R. Green responded to previous questions. Concerning graffiti, there were two arrests at Kaimuki High School and they will be actively fighting graffiti. Captain Green added that concerning speeding, there were four traffic fatalities so far this year in this district. They have a "zero tolerance" for speeding. They will be focusing on expediting traffic flow, reduce speeding, and aggressively attacking graffiti. As to UEMV, burglaries and thefts, they caught two suspects, who were responsible for numerous crimes. Hopefully, next month's stats would be better.

Chair Muraoka thanked HPD and Lt. Delima.

Board of Water Supply (BWS)- Lorna Heller distributed her monthly report and highlighted the following:

- There was one water main break on March 16 on Kaihi Street. The six-inch cast iron pipe was 75 years old.
- 2. On May 15, there will be a public hearing on proposed rate increases at 2:00 p.m. at the Board of Water Supply Boardroom on Beretania Street.
- 3. With the recent heavy rains, some of you may have some questions about how or if they have affected our water supply. Hopefully this information will give you some insight.
 - A. When it rains heavily, our pumpage drops because people don't water their lawns, wash their cars, or do other heavy water consumption outdoor activities. (ex: as of March 8th, we were pumping 127.28 million gallons per day (mgd), down from last year's 146.43 mgd).
 - B. While this can briefly cause water levels to rise, this does not indicate that there is more water in the aquifer, only that we are pumping less water from them. Usually, when the rain ends, the aquifer levels will go back to regular levels as pumpage rises to accommodate people resuming the activities they put off while inclement weather was occurring.
 - C. During heavy rains, there is always considerable runoff that occurs. Despite the runoff, rainy weather helps maximize the amount of rainfall available for aquifer recharge.
 - D. Winter and spring rains help to balance out the dry months we expect in the summer.
 - E. We should continue to be mindful of water use even during periods like these as the effects from them will not be immediately evident.
- 4. Water conservation tip: The height at which you mow your lawn can have a direct effect on how much and how often you water it. Make sure you know what the correct height is for the type of grass you have on your lawn. Leaving grass cuttings on your lawn can help soil retain moisture naturally.

Questions, answers and comments followed.

Resident Tai Hong mentioned a proposed Paiko Ridge development, which is a concern to the Kuli'ou'ou-Kalani Iki Neighborhood Board No. 2, and asked if the Paiko Partners had asked for sewer hook up. Also, he asked about the condition of the sewers along Kalanianaole Highway. Tim Houghton, who works for the City's Environmental Services Department, responded that in Kuli'ou'ou, there is a moratorium on sewer hook ups and there is a proposal in next year's budget for rehabilitation of the sewers.

There were no further questions.

Chair Muraoka thanked Heller.

Board Announcements-

- Board member Greg Knudsen reported that the dust screens around the Koko Villa development were taken down. He showed "before and after" photos. He wanted to commend Philip Ho for responding to the community's request. Ho still wants to develop that four-acre parcel and wanted to know why the Board did not support that project. Board member Knudsen explained that in November 2003, the Board supported the original proposal to keep the four-acre parcel in preservation and undeveloped.
- 2. While resident Gary Weller was happy to hear that a dust screen was taken down, he asked why is the City not enforcing the rules. He wanted the City to follow up on the dust screens, silt fences, and drain barriers at the various jobsites in the area and in particular near the cemetery at Mariners Cove. He also indicated the Royal Contracting may be one of the contractors. He indicated that there is no maintenance of these devices and he was concerned that the City was not enforcing various rules. Chair Muraoka would ask the Mayor's representative to follow up.

Committee Reports-

Parks and Recreation- Committee Chair Houghton requested that the order of the agenda be changed and moved to the resolution for Toni Robinson.

Hearing no objections, Chair Muraoka changed the order of the agenda.

Resolution to recognize Toni Robinson for her service to the Hawaii Kai community at the Koko Head District Park – (7:30 p.m.) Parks and Recreation Committee Chair Houghton gave a brief introduction and read the following resolution:

RESOLUTION TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE OUTSTANDING SUCCESS TONI ROBINSON ACHIEVED AS THE REGIONAL MANAGER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION FOR EAST HONOLULU

WHEREAS, Toni Robinson in her capacity as the District I Manager of the Department of Parks and Recreation was a voice of positive creativity during meetings with the Hawaii Kai community members and the East Honolulu Vision Team; and

WHEREAS, for more than 16 years as the District I Manager, Toni Robinson provided leadership for the Department of Parks and Recreation to hire and train exceptional staff at the regional parks; and

WHEREAS, in 1994 she was selected the Department of Parks and Recreation Employee of the Year and the City and County of Honolulu Employee of the Year, in 1998 she was selected to receive the Professional National Recreation Park Association Award, and in 2005 she was selected the Department of Parks and Recreation Manager of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Toni Robinson diligently worked with Department of Planning and Permitting, Department of Design and Construction and the other departments of City and County government to design park facilities for adults and children; and

WHEREAS, Toni Robinson assisted community groups to enhance park experiences through planning and design of baseball and softball fields, soccer fields, skate boarding and hockey complexes, tennis, volleyball, basketball, football, archery, disc golf, BMX track, shooting complex, and Summer Fun groups; and

WHEREAS, Toni Robinson invested many hours of personal time to assist the members of the community to design, plan and construct park facilities including dog parks, special fields for small keiki to play baseball such as Goeas Field; and

WHEREAS, Toni Robinson participated fully in the design of programs such as ceramics, music lessons, archery lessons, flower arranging, spring egg hunts, Summer Fun and numerous other regularly scheduled activities for adults and children at the community centers; and

WHEREAS, Toni Robinson participated in discussions with State of Hawaii entities such as the State Department of Land & Natural Resources; and,

WHEREAS, Toni Robinson actively pursued maintenance of natural facilities such as the Koko Head Botanical Gardens; and,

WHEREAS, Toni Robinson maintained a highly respected rapport with the Mayor and Departments' Directors of the City and County of Honolulu, the Honolulu City Council members, and the community at-large; and, now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board recognizes these achievements of Toni Robinson; and congratulates and wishes her continued success as the Assistant Parks Maintenance and Recreation Services Administrator; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be sent to Honolulu Mayor Mufi Hannemann, the Director of the State Department of Land and Natural Resources, the Director of the Honolulu Department of Parks and Recreation, the Director of the Honolulu Department of Design & Construction, the Director of the Honolulu Department Transportation Services, Councilmember Charles Djou, Councilmember Nestor Garcia, Senator Sam Slom, Senator Fred Hemmings, Representative William Stonebraker, and Representative Lyla Berg.

Board member Houghton moved and Board member Levy seconded that the Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board No.1 approve this resolution for Toni Robinson. The motion carried unanimously, 13-0-0.

The resolution and a certificate of appreciation were presented to Toni Robinson. Chair Muraoka presented a lei on behalf of the Board. Alan Hong and Neighborhood Assistant Ho took photos. Chair Muraoka recognized Alan Hong, Manager of Hanauma Bay, for doing an excellent job.

Representatives from the Hui Ilio Hawaii, the "dog park group," presented a lei to Toni Robinson and commended her hard work on forming a public-private partnership to create a dog park. The Second Annual Hawaii Kai Dog Walk is on Sunday, June 4, 8:00 a.m., at the Hawaii Kai Park and Ride on Keahole Street. They left flyers on the information table.

Toni Robinson gave parting remarks, enjoyed working with the Hawaii Kai community and thanked the Board.

Chair Muraoka thanked Robinson.

The order of the agenda was restored.

Transportation- No report.

Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO)- Committee Chair Donald Huff reported that the OMPO meeting was on April 19 and the Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project was presented by the Department of Transportation Services (DTS) with the alternatives. Huff had concerns about the time the train stops at each station. Board member Levy did not hear that the rail system would go to Hawaii Kai. Huff said that Hawaii Kai is not considered yet as a end station. He mentioned that planning for the station sites for the rail system needs to consider the rising of sea levels by 10 feet in 50 years, according to a well-respected environmentalist.

Health & Safety- No report.

Legislation, Ethics & Policy- Chair Muraoka announced that he had asked Vice Chair Tony Paresa to chair this committee and he accepted. Committee Chair Paresa had no report.

Communications- Committee Chair Rich Halverson had no report.

Planning and Zoning- Committee Chair Robert Clark had no report.

Education – Committee Chair David Livingston just received a letter Senator Fred Hemmings and he would respond by next month. Committee Chair Livingston announced that the Board of Education will be meeting on May 11 at Aina Haina Elementary School.

Community Relations - Committee Chair Jeanette Hanson had no report.

Capital Improvement Project (CIP) Advisory –Committee Chair Wayne Levy had no report.

Chair's Announcements- There were none.

PUBLIC GENERATED ISSUES: (7:44 p.m.) Chair Muraoka reminded speakers to line up and introduce themselves, then briefly share the issue.

Koko Head Archery Range - Dr. Mele Welte spoke about the beauty of Koko Head Crater being destroyed by the construction of the archery range outside of the shooting complex. She made reference to two recent newspaper articles addressing her organization's opposition to the archery range and claimed the public was deceived in the way this project was presented. It was supposed to be located inside the shooting range complex. She claimed that both articles did not represent her views correctly and that she was not alone in her opposition. She brought several supporters with her. She wanted to restore the Koko Head Crater and the coastal scenic drive, has started a petition drive to collect signatures. She wants the City to stop and restore the area to its natural state. She called upon on the Mayor, Councilmember Charles Djou and the Neighborhood Board to correct this \$500,000 mistake.

Chair Muraoka thanked Dr. Welte for her comments.

Janet Zisk, a resident of Hawaii Kai, drives the scenic ocean drive. There is nothing wrong with the archery range, just the location.

When Board member Levy mentioned the one to two minutes time limit, Chair Muraoka thanked him for his comments and reminded speakers to limit their comments.

Van Ohumukini, Chair of the Koko Head Archery Club, expressed support to the Neighborhood Board and the City on how they handled this subject over the years. Board member Knudsen asked why there was a eight (8)-foot fence. The Kapiolani Park archery range has a low fence. Ohumukini would follow up with the contractor for details on the fence around the Koko Head range. Chair Muraoka was concerned about the location and the effect on the "aina." Ohumukini gave details about the original plans and the various sites considered for the range.

The daughter of David Thomas, who championed the archery range, had the original plans, which showed that the project was outside the berm. She reminded that the opponents that there are people equally passionate in favor of the archery range.

Arrik Black, a Hawaii Kai resident and the head of the Kapolei archery range, was in support of the archery range at its present location.

Chair Muraoka thanked everyone for there comments and invited them to get involved and be placed on the mailing list.

Councilmember Charles Djou and the Mayor's representative Sid Quintal responded that they worked with the Board to get this project started. They need to know the Board's wishes soon. Chair Muraoka mentioned that the Board supports the current plans, but had concerns about the location and landscaping. Parks and Recreation Committee Chair Houghton would put them on the next committee meeting's agenda. Mayor's representative Quintal would follow up on the fencing and the landscaping.

Bike rack at Koko Head District Park- Natalie Iwasa thanked Parks and Recreation Chair Houghton for following up on the bike racks at Koko Head District Park. She also thanked Chair Muraoka for his *Star-Bulletin* article, which mentioned that concerned community members should participate in the discussion at the time the topic is presented and not long afterwards. Concerning speeding, she was happy to hear that HPD has "zero tolerance" for speeding.

Tree roots lifting up sidewalks- Resident James Watari reported that because of tree roots raising the sidewalk two inches, his son, who was riding his scooter on the sidewalk, had an accident and broke his arm. It happened in the area of Hanamaulu/Anapaalau Streets near Kamakani Street. The City response was that the homeowner must cut the grass. Watari reported it two months ago. It was supposed to be a "rush" job, markings have been made, but the sidewalk has not been repaired yet. He would like to know when the work would begin.

Chair Muraoka thanked everyone for the comments.

ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORTS:

Mayor Mufi Hannemann's representative- (8:14 p.m.) Sid Quintal, Director of Enterprise Services Department mentioned the following:

- 1. Concerning Board member Huff's request on Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) for Hawaii Kai, there is \$200,000 for planning for the Hawaii Kai lighting improvements and a "Blowhole" project with \$150,000 for design and \$1 million for construction.
- 2. DTS acknowledges the updated information and will evaluate Steven Geshell's suggestion for a roundabout at the intersection of Hawaii Kai Drive and Kaluanui Road. Results of this evaluation will be provided for the May 2006 Neighborhood Board meeting. Should you have any questions, please contact Adrian Chang at 523-4800.

- 3. The left turn signal on Keahole Street into the Hawaii Kai Shopping Center should be advertised for bids by December 2006.
- 4. There were no "sinkholes" but that the potholes on Lunalilo Home Road were patched on April 11.

Comments followed.

- 1. Board member Knudsen reported that the "sinkhole" that was on Kalanianaole Highway between Hawaii Kai and Kuli'ou'ou was fixed, but it disrupted traffic for two days.
- 2. Board member Reilly mentioned the dust screen along the way to the cemetery near Mariners Cove is in disrepair and that there has not been any construction for over a year. She asked how to get them removed.
- 3. Vice Chair Paresa commended the City and Mayor's representative Quintal for their follow up on the "Boulder Scare" on Koko Head Crater. The City has been monitoring the boulder for one and one-half years and it has not moved. Vice Chair Paresa wanted to reassure the residents on Nuulolo Street.
- 4. Resident Iwasa mentioned that the Mayor knew about the sewer problem from September 2004 and the recent 48 million gallon sewage spill (in the Ala Wai canal). She asked how much would it cost to repair. Mayor's representative Quintal replied that the sewers are a priority and with the help of Councilmember Djou, there is funding in the Fiscal Year 2007 budget. The recent spill was a major concern. Unfortunately, the repair and maintenance of the sewers island-wide require a lot of money and he offered to share with her the priority list of sewer upgrades.
- 5. Resident Weller again mentioned that there is no inspection of job sites. He also indicated the Royal Contracting may be one of the contractors. Daily fines could be \$100,000 per day and would add money to the City's treasury. Mayor's representative Quintal would follow up.
- 6. Board member Huff mentioned Title 49, "The Clean Water Act" and possible Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) fines. Mayor's representative Quintal mentioned that City or State jurisdiction has to be established for the alleged violations.

Chair Muraoka thanked the Mayor's representative Quintal.

Councilmember Charles Djou- (8:24 p.m.) Councilmember Djou distributed his newsletter and highlighted the following:

- 1. There were some problems with the collection of the "green waste" recycling from Pearl City to Hawaii Kai, but the City administration has resolved them. Councilmember Djou still favors a comprehensive curbside recycling program.
- 2. On Thursday, April 27, there will be a public hearing on the Honolulu Liquor Commission. He mentioned that eight out of twelve inspectors were indicted and convicted. After changing the administration, there have been new indictments. He is open to any suggestions to fix this troubled agency.
- 3. The City Council's new Energy Committee meets tomorrow at 1:00 p.m. As the Chair, he looks forward to getting ideas about energy and lowering our gasoline bills.
- 4. The Waikiki sewage spill was a bad situation all around. He wants to make sure that this does not happen again. It will cost tens of millions of dollars to fix and the EPA fines will be high. He agrees with Mayor Hannemann about the priority on core services- sewers, roads and police.

Questions, answers and comments followed

1. Board member Houghton mentioned that Councilmember Djou had a City Council resolution for Toni Robinson. Councilmember Djou mentioned that it was signed by all nine members of the Council and presented it to Robinson.

- 2. Vice Chair Paresa wanted to commend the City Council for the Energy Committee. He suggested an "Efficiency" committee to reduce the cost of government.
- 3. Board member Levy mentioned that Hawaii Kai taxpayers pay for spills and for the City's sewer repairs and it seems like double payment, since they also pay for their privately-owned system. Councilmember Djou replied that all taxpayers pay for City fines.

Chair Muraoka commended Councilmember Djou on his consistent stand on focusing on core services and Chair Muraoka thanked Councilmember Djou.

Senator Sam Slom- (8:31 p.m.) Board member Marian Grey, a part-time staff member, mentioned that Senator Slom had to leave early for a conference committee on the budget and distributed his newsletter, which mentioned various bill. She was available for any questions.

Chair Muraoka mentioned that Senator Slom had a near-perfect attendance at the Neighborhood Board meetings and appreciated his work in the Legislature. Chair Muraoka thanked Board member Grey.

Senator Fred Hemmings- William Shapiro, Communications Director for Senator Hemmings, distributed Senator Hemmings' newsletter and mentioned that Senator Hemmings was at a Senate Ways and Means Committee meeting and could not attend the Board meeting tonight. He was available for questions.

Chair Muraoka thanked Shapiro.

Representative William "Bud" Stonebraker- Representative Stonebraker distributed his newsletter and announced that he is not running for re-election. He asked Chair Muraoka for a change in the order of the agenda.

Hearing no objections, Chair Muraoka changed the order of the agenda.

Presentation of certificate of appreciation to Murray Luther for his service to the Hawaii Kai community – Representative Stonebraker presented the certificate to Murray Luther. Representative Stonebraker mention Luther's work on getting the Hawaii Kai Sign, Rediscover Hawaii Kai and that Luther was a "Hawaii Kai Living Treasure" Board members Houghton and Reilly presented lei. Photos were taken. Luther gave some brief remarks about Hawaii Kai and thanked everyone.

Chair Muraoka, on behalf of the Board, thanked Luther.

Questions, answers and comments followed.

Board member Halverson asked why Representative Stonebraker was not seeking re-election. He replied that he and his wife are expecting a fifth child, he is the pastor of a growing church and he is the home school Principal.

Chair Muraoka appreciated the work done and thanked Representative Stonebraker.

Representative Lyla Berg- (8:41 p.m.) Representative Berg distributed her Neighborhood Board report and newsletter and highlighted the following:

- 1. Her handouts had information about Lawmakers Listen and Special purpose revenue bonds.
- 2. There were five days left in the Legislative session. She was "shepherding" early childhood education.

Questions, answers and comments followed.

1. Board member Grey mentioned that at the community meeting she asked about the Hawaii State Constitution mandating a rebate if there was a surplus for two consecutive years. She was informed by Speaker of the House Calvin Say said that the two years does not start until July 1. She asked if there were any plans for tax relief. Representative Berg responded that "tax relief" means different things. They are looking at the bills.

- 2. Vice Chair Paresa asked if there were any possibility of a tax rebate to the taxpayers, due to the rising cost of living. Representative Berg responded that we may not have a tax surplus, but it may be where we are in the economic cycle. They are trying to distribute the "surplus" to where it would benefit the most people. She does not know of any specific bill that would refund \$10. Board member Huff mentioned that the State must refund at least \$1. Chair Muraoka requested that she research this. Board member Grey mentioned the Governor favored a refund of \$150 and that the tax rate for the lower income levels be adjusted. None of these proposals were discussed. Board member Grey felt that the Majority Party feels that they can spend the money better than the taxpayer. Representative Berg responded that the Majority Party, rather than refunding a small amount, favors reducing the high cost of living by other means.
- 2. Resident Norman Aramaki asked about the status of Senate Bill 3195 (Education, Weighted Student Formula; Student Achievement. Description: Appropriates funds for a weighted student formula conversion program that provides supplementary allocations to schools adversely affected by the weighted student formula) and the impact on the district schools. Representative Berg replied that \$20 million was appropriated to smaller schools negatively impacted because of the Weighted Student Formula (WSF). She is not on the conference committee, but it should go through. The amount is always not enough. The focus should be on achievement, rather than positions or gifts to teachers. Schools would apply for grants to the foundation.
- 3. Chair Muraoka attended the Lawmakers Listen and had questions about the "Sunshine Law." He had asked Representative Luke why is the Legislature exempted. She mentioned something about the Constitutional Convention. Chair Muraoka requested that Representative Berg research the question and report back. Representative Berg mentioned that her "Sunshine Law" passed the House, but "got stuck" in the Senate.
- 5. Board member Levy mentioned that on the mainland a school sold naming rights of schools and buildings. Representative Berg responded that sounded like a great idea. She mentioned that they just passed a resolution allowing Haiku school to name the cafeteria after their beloved cafeteria manager. She is also looking for additional funds for the Kaiser High School athletic department.
- 6. Chair Muraoka mentioned that Vice Chair Paresa and Board member Knudsen are working on a forum to discuss the education budget and education.
- 7. Board member Livingston asked about a candidates' forum, as this is an election year. Chair Muraoka mentioned that in the past, Vice Chair Paresa was charged with having a forum in September or October before the General Election in November.

Chair Muraoka thanked Representative Berg.

Governor Linda Lingle's representative- (8:59 p.m.) Mark Anderson, Deputy Director, Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT), distributed the Governor's report and mentioned the following:

- At the last meeting, there was a concern about what the Department of Health (DOH) was doing about mosquitoes. The DOH website advised to reduce standing water, to repair screens and to use insect repellant.
- 2. The Department of Transportation (DOT) reported no sinkholes on Kalanianaole Highway, but they patched potholes.
- 3. Concerning the finances of the Department of Education (DOE), Georgina K. Kawamura, the Director of Finance, is available to meet with the Board to discuss budgeting. Anderson would like to meet with the sub-committee of the Board's Education committee before the meeting with the Director. He also brought "The State Budget in Brief", which had information on the Department of Education.
- 4. Governor was still working with the Legislature for some tax relief.

Questions, answers and comments followed.

- 1. Board member Houghton was driving around the Makapuu lighthouse and saw people driving around construction.
- 2. Board member Knudsen thanked Anderson for the budget information, which confirmed his assertion that the Department of Education (DOE) budget is 23 percent of the State budget.
- 3. Board member Huff mentioned that there was no sinkhole, but a traffic jam.

Chair Muraoka thanked Governor's representative Anderson.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Requesting extension of time to construct 69 affordable units through DPP and resolution with City Council. Also requesting that the new afford guidelines, in draft by DPP, be applicable for parcels affected by the UA. – As the Chair of the Permitted Interaction Group (PIG), Bob Clark reported at the Hawaii Intergenerational Community Development Association meeting, the following topics were discussed.

- 1. The meeting was conducted by Mike Klein of Hawaii Intergenerational Community Development Association. Support was provided by Joe Brown President of 21st Century Homes
- 2. The meeting was attended by Neighborhood Board members Lester Muraoka, Bob Clark, Marian Grey, Jeanette Hanson, Wayne Levy and John Steinmiller. Approximately 10 members of the community also attended.
- 3. At present under City Ordinance 86-88 a Unilateral Agreement was established requiring that 100 affordable homes be built on parcels 44, 45 and 46 which are adjacent to Hawaii Kai Drive at the junction with Keahole Street. The requirement is that these homes be built by December 2007.
- 4. At the Kaluanui Senior Apartments (parcel 45) 31 units have already been built leaving a balance of 69 units. The intention is to build these units on parcel 44 within the existing proposed condominium development.
- 5. Because the developer plans to construct the car park below ground level and because the intention is to build a superior development utilizing concrete construction as opposed to frame construction it will not be possible to meet the December 2007 deadline. Consequently the developer is seeking a change to Unilateral Agreement to extend the deadline until December 2010.
- 6. If the request to extend the UA is denied then the deadline can be met by possibly eliminating the underground car park, changing the building design and employing less expensive construction methods.
- 7. The Kaluanui Senior Apartments must remain affordable for 61 years after which time rents can revert to
- 8. The 69 new units are only required to be rented at affordable levels for a period of 10 years after which time they can be sold or rented at market prices.

Klein reported that the Unilateral Agreement (UA) be extended of the delivery date from December 2007 to December 2010. As for the 69 new senior units, the rents can go up in 10 years.

Question, answers and comments followed.

 Resident Andy Constantaras stated that Mike Klein as the Executive Director of Hawaii Intergenerational Community Development Association (HICDA) and 2lst Century Homes, Inc. is a "conflict of interest." Klein explained how there is no conflict. If the DPP does not extend the deadline, then the number of affordable housing units goes from 60 to 100, but with a different design concept. He also commented that the senior rentals are within walking distance of the shopping centers and are not concrete, like the Stanford Carr Development.

- 2. Board member Reilly had other questions about ownership of backers, conflict of interest and the extension of the UA.
- 3. Board member Levy mentioned a conflict of interest.

Mike Klein replied that since 1998, the operating costs have increased. HICDA has five board members and one is on the board of Catholic Charities. This is common in the "non-profit world." They had six projects and one lost funding of \$3.5 million, because the time expired. In Hawaii Kai in 1997, there was no support for senior housing. Rents were \$700/month. Klein mentioned that when Housing and Urban Development grants are gone, there is a need for private money sources to complete the project, as it takes eight years to get a project done.

Joe Brown is the President of 21st Century Homes, Inc., which is concerned about affordable housing and they are asking for the extension. The "market-priced" homes support the "affordable" homes. They would be steel construction and five stories.

Board member Houghton applauded then for the senior affordable housing. She wanted to thank them for asking the question.

Klein added that when they bought the property and planned for affordable housing, they did not pursue variance from the height requirement. They were concerned about an open courtyard and the height was secondary.

4. Vice Chair Paresa asked for clarification if it was 60 units or 100 units. Klein replied that 100 units would have different aesthetics and a different character.

Board member Clark moved and Board member Houghton seconded that the Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board No. 1 support the extension of the delivery date from 2007 to 2010. Discussion followed. Board member Levy urged the Board to not vote in favor of the motion due to a "conflict of interest." The motion carried, 8-2-2. Levy and Hansen opposed. Reilly and Paresa abstained.

Status update of the Hawaii Kai Self-Storage Facility and signage – (9:41 p.m.) Annette Pang reported that the self-storage facility would be opening in August 2006. She introduced Rusty and Linda Birds, who would manage the building. The Birds reported there would be a community conference room, exterior relief work and a beautiful sign on both sides. According to the Land Use Ordinance, they will be using less than half of the allowable signage. A sign would not be on Marina side.

Questions, answers and comments followed.

Board member Knudsen was pleased that the sign was not on Marina side and asked if there would be a promenade on the water. Pang replied that the promenade was not in the plans, due to liability. The Bishop Estate owns the property.

Chair Muraoka invited them to come back in a few months, commended them on the nice landscaping and thanked Pang.

ANNOUNCEMENTS-

- 1. The next regular Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board No. 1 meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 30, 2006 Hahaione Elementary School Cafeteria, 7:00 p.m.
- 2. Broadcasts of the Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board No. 1 meetings are on the second and fourth Mondays of the month at 9:00 pm on Olelo Channel 54. Please check your local TV listings. Chair Muraoka invited everyone to participate in the Neighborhood Board meetings and to get on the mailing list to be informed.

ADJOURNMENT: Hearing no objections, Chair Muraoka adjourned the meeting at 9:50 p.m.

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